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Children's Healthcare Access Initiative

Subcommittee Meeting for the Undocumented Minutes

February 5, 2003

Members in Attendance:

Corey Timpson, Maria Calleros, Michael Koch, Ron DiLuigi, Stacy Dyer, Elena Armendariz

1. Welcome & Introductions

Corey Timpson welcomed everyone, and self-introductions were made.

2. Follow-up from Last Meeting: Data

Corey Timpson offered to follow-up with Dr. Parry regarding obtaining data about the most current numbers of uninsured children in Orange County, with a breakdown of how many would be eligible for the various programs (Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, California Kids, etc.).

3. California Kids Update

Michael Koch, Executive Director of California Kids gave an update about the program. In 2002, the program's Board of Directors met and determined that, due to economic changes and fewer philanthropic dollars, all members of California Kids would be asked to pay a premium to help cover the cost of health care services covered by the program. Premiums will be \$15.00 per child, with a maximum of \$45.00 for families with three or more children enrolled. This new policy will affect families with children currently enrolled, effective January 1, 2003 and new members who enroll after this date. The Board also determined that an exception would be made for Orange County: Premiums are being waived for Orange County currently enrolled members, and new members, until at least July 2003 or their anniversary date, whichever comes later. Also effective January 1, 2003, the program began enrolling new members and announced that up to 5,000 children could be enrolled statewide. As of the date of this meeting, Orange County enrollment for the program was at approximately 4,800 to 5,000, up from approximately 4,500 in November 2002.



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California Kids will monitor enrollment and disenrollment by utilizing a coding system in their member database. Michael stated some of the primary reasons children are disenrolled from the program include the following:

- 1) They have moved and the program cannot locate them.
- 2) Their immigration status has changed and they may now be eligible for another program.
- 3) Their parent's employer now provides health care coverage for them
- 4) They "age out".

Currently, the program will be terminating coverage for those members who have not paid two consecutive months' premiums. California Kids staff has asked the CAA community to provide feedback regarding reactions by families to the newly instituted premium costs and, in particular, if they see that families are not applying due to the premiums.

4. Discussion: Funding Strategies

Michael Koch stated that California Kids now has a program development person; Suzanne Gonzalez. More recently, California Kids received grants from the California Endowment and UniHealth. There are some reporting requirements related to the California Endowment grant. Also, Michael stated the Health Care Foundation is considering giving a grant to the program. Michael has been working on innovative fundraising efforts over the last year, including, amongst others, discussions with the Mexican government, the Anaheim Angels organization, individual donors and the United Way. Overall, by July, 2003, the Board will reevaluate the premium system and other funding sources and determine whether or not the program can be sustained at the level of enrollment and of quality of health care desired.

5. Action Items

- Corey will follow-up with Dr. Parry regarding data on the number of children eligible for the California Kids program in Orange County
- Maria Calleros will follow-up on AB495 and report back to the group at the next meeting
- Ron will follow up with the CHOC Hospital pilot for the effectiveness of enrollment events at school sites. This would determine the feasibility for



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all districts to have enrollment days at each school site, and to make a recommendation to the Orange County Department of Education.

- Stacy will follow up at the Bay Area Counties model (Solano and San Mateo) to find out how these projects were funded.

6. Announcements

Ron and Corey announced that the Covering Uninsured Week is March 10-16th, 2003, and that this would be a good opportunity for CHAI to co-sponsor.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.